

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Peterson, please.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. Chairman and members, I introduced this bill on behalf of the Nebraska County Officials Association to eliminate the language in Section 23-1708 which provides for service of process by sheriffs and their deputies after expiration of their term of office. This is necessary to remove liability at the county level for individuals who are not technically employees of the county after their term as sheriff expires but yet are authorized by law to perform a governmental function. This change would just provide that in the case of a vacancy occurring the deputy or deputies shall be under obligation to execute the legal process until the vacancy is filled. It would just provide when a sheriff goes out of office, he or she shall deliver to his or her successor all responsibilities of the sheriff's office, and it just takes the county out of liability. I ask for the advancement.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Any discussion? Senator Peterson, do you care to close? Senator Peterson waives closing. The issue before you is the advancement of LB 872. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: LB 872 is advanced. Moving on to LB 1022.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 1022 was introduced by Senator Byars. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 8th, referred to the Health and Human Services Committee which reports the bill to General File.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Byars, did you wish to adjourn us?

SENATOR BYARS: (Laughter.) No, thank you, Mr. Hannibal. Thank you, Senator Hannibal, but no. I have introduced this bill on behalf of the Department of Social Services. I think they would be clearly upset if I asked to adjourn at this point. What this bill does is clearly set in statute the authority of the Director of Social Services to set foster care payment rates for children with special needs who are wards of the state. The authority allows them to claim federal financial participation on eligible foster care cases. Funding was appropriated during